down their schools the District School Board sought permission to open new schools, after examining the demand and need therefor. The District School Board, Belgaum was permitted to open new schools in all such places.

(*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to the Clause (*a*) above.

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## Collection of betterment levy on Minor Irrigation.

*Q.—1006. Sri CHANNAPPA WALI (Sampagaon-I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they intend to collect a betterment levy of Rs. 4,14,925 on Minor Irrigation scheme of Hosur (Savadatti Taluk) as against the expenditure of Rs. 1,19,866 incurred on the scheme ;

(*b*) whether any betterment levy is being charged on Minor Irrigation Schemes in other places ?

*A.*—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.

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## Home Guards in the State.

*Q.—1007. Sri KANTHA RAO DESAI (Kushtagi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what was the strength of the Home Guards in the State before 1962 and what is the present strength ;

(*b*) what was the expenditure on the administrative staff of the Home Guards before 1962, and what is the expenditure now ;

(*c*) why an officer of D. I. G.'s rank is appointed as Commandant General, while in other States, they are only honorary Officers ?

*A.*—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) Strength of Home Guards before 1962 ; 4,455
present strength of Home Guards (as on 30th November 1965). 8,995

(*b*) Expenditure on Home Guards during 1961-62 ; Rs.82,183
During the year 1964-65 - Rs. 9,04,690-99

(*c*) In the context of the present emergency, the Home Guards Organisation has to be expanded considerably. It was considere dnecessary to appoint a Senior Police Officer with the back-ground of administrative experience and training as the head of the Home Guards